

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

storing data reflecting a preferred device upon which a user prefers to receive notifications of incoming calls, the preferred device being one of a plurality of devices associated with the user;

receiving incoming call data indicating an incoming call directed to one of the plurality of devices associated with the user from a calling device associated with a caller, the incoming call data being in a data format for the calling device;

generating a notification of the incoming call from the incoming call data, wherein the notification is converted into a data format for the preferred device;

determining whether the preferred device is logged on ~~available~~ to receive the notification without transmitting the notification to the preferred device; and

based on the determination that the preferred device is available to receive the notification, transmitting the notification to the preferred device.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, comprising:

receiving a user selection of the preferred device.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, comprising:

receiving a user selection of a time period during which notifications are to be transmitted to the preferred device.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, comprising:
receiving a user selection of a device for which notifications are to be transmitted to the preferred device.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, comprising:
receiving a user selection of calling parties from which notifications are to be transmitted to the preferred device.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the user selection of calling parties comprises using a calendar function for specifying date-specific notifications.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, comprising:
receiving user specifications for receiving notifications by the preferred device based on at least one of the time of day or calling party.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein receiving a user selection of the preferred device comprises receiving a selection of a wireless phone capable of displaying text messages.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein receiving a user selection of the preferred device comprises receiving a selection of a landline phone.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein receiving a user selection of the preferred device comprises receiving a selection of a desktop or laptop computer.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein receiving a user selection of the preferred device comprises receiving a selection of a handheld device.

12. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:
a storage device storing data reflecting a preferred device upon which a user prefers to receive notifications of incoming calls, the preferred device being one of a plurality of devices associated with the user;

one or more server functions operable to:

receive incoming call data indicating an incoming call directed to one of the plurality of devices associated with the user from a calling device associated with a caller, the incoming call data being in a data format for the calling device,

generate a notification of the incoming call from the incoming call data, wherein the notification is converted into a data format for the preferred device,

determine whether the preferred device is logged on available to receive the notification without transmitting the notification to the preferred device, and

based on the determination that the preferred device is available to receive the notification, transmit the notification to the preferred device; and

a processor for executing the one or more server functions.

13. (Original) The apparatus of claim 12, comprising:
a database for storing identifications of calling parties from whom notifications are transmitted to the preferred device.

14. (Original) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the database stores times during which notifications are transmitted to the preferred device.

15-18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:
means for storing data reflecting a preferred device upon which a user prefers to receive notifications of incoming calls, the preferred device being one of a plurality of devices associated with the user;
means for receiving incoming call data indicating an incoming call directed to one of the plurality of devices associated with the user from a calling device associated with a caller, the incoming call data being in a data format for the calling device;
means for generating a notification of the incoming call from the incoming call data, wherein the notification is converted into a data format for the preferred device;
means for determining whether the preferred device is logged on available to receive the notification without transmitting the notification to the preferred device; and
means for transmitting the notification to the preferred device based on the determination that the preferred device is available to receive the notification.

20. (Original) The apparatus of claim 19, comprising:

means for selecting parties from which notifications are transmitted to the preferred device.

21. (Original) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the means for selecting indicates times during which notifications are transmitted to the preferred device.

22. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising blocking the notification to the preferred device when the incoming call is from a phone number other than one or more phone numbers specified by the user in advance of receiving the incoming call.

23. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the user's preferred device is a phone, and the incoming call data is converted into a text message notification of the incoming call.

24. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the user's preferred device is an instant message client, and the incoming call data is converted into text for an instant message notification of the incoming call.

25. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the incoming call is directed to one of the plurality of devices other than the preferred device.

26. (Currently Amended) A ~~non-transitive~~ computer-readable storage device embedded medium-encoded with instructions capable of being executed by a processor, the instructions comprising:

storing data reflecting a preferred device upon which a user prefers to receive notifications of incoming calls, the preferred device being one of a plurality of devices associated with the user;

receiving incoming call data indicating an incoming call directed to one of the plurality of devices associated with the user from a calling device associated with a caller, the incoming call data being in a data format for to the calling device;

generating a notification of the incoming call from the incoming call data, wherein the notification is converted into a data format for the preferred device; and

determining whether the preferred device is logged on ~~available~~ to receive the notification without transmitting the notification to the preferred device; and

based on the determination that the preferred device is available to receive the notification, transmitting the notification to the preferred device.